

January 31, 1963

Dear Mr. Conklin:

We are indeed sorry about the time and trouble you have taken to learn of the receipt of materials on Clara Barton. The envelope containing these materials and sent registered mail to Dr. Sockman's apartment did not reach the Hall of Fame office until today.

It was a pleasure to learn of the action of the Board of Directors of Clara Barton Chapter No. 1, American National Red Cross in voting to present Miss Barton's name to the Hall of Fame Electoral College for consideration in the 1965 Election. It will be necessary, however, to consider this action as an informal nomination and to ask you to write to us again in the early Spring of 1964 requesting official nomination forms. The biographical material on Miss Barton will be kept on file for presentation along with the completed nomination forms. I know this must seem to be a great deal of red tape, but it is the only method we have for conducting the Hall of Fame elections in a systematic and objective manner.

Once again, let me express my regret about the amount of letter writing and concern involved in learning of the receipt of your communication.

We appreciate your interest in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans and will look forward to hearing from you again in March or April of 1964.

Sincerely yours,

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